## BEFORE THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

INQUIRY	Y CONCERNING A
JUDGE,	No. 04-47

## **STIPULATION**

Pursuant to Rule 6J of the Rules of Judicial Qualifications Commission, the respondent, the Investigative Panel of the Commission acting through its Chair stipulate that:

- A. It is hereby agreed by the parties that the allegations in the Notice of Formal charges are true and correct, and the respondent is guilty as charged in the Notice of Formal Charges.
- B. The respondent acknowledges that his conduct was entirely inappropriate and he expresses remorse for this conduct. He has promised the Commission that there will be no repetition of such acts.
- C. The respondent accepts the recommended penalty of a public reprimand, a fourteen day suspension without pay, a \$15,000 fine, and a complete and public apology to County Judge Lee Seidman and to the President of the Hispanic Bar Association of Broward County.
- D. The respondent waives his right to a trial before the hearing panel of the Commission.
- E. Unless ordered by the Supreme Court, the parties waive the filing of further briefs in this matter and oral argument.

WHEREFORE, the parties agree and stipulate that a public reprimand, a fourteen day suspension without pay, a \$15,000 fine, and a complete and public apology to County Judge Lee Seidman and to the Hispanic Bar Association of Broward County is and shall be the appropriate discipline in this case.

DATED	this	day of	, 2004

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